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RE: Arizona Docket No. U-3021-96-448, et. al. (EI)

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Dear Arbitrators Rudibaugh, Farmer and Behun:

At the close of the electronic interface cost recovery proceeding, you required U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("U S WEST") to fully respond, on or before December 12, 1997, to outstanding discovery requests served upon it by AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc. ("AT&T"). At AT&T's request, you also agreed to allow the record in this proceeding to remain open until AT&T had an opportunity to review the additional discovery responses, and to present supplemental evidence, if necessary, based on those responses. AT&T was to inform you on or before December 19 whether it intended to present additional evidence and whether it was necessary to continue to leave the record open.

AT&T has received several additional discovery responses in this docket and has had an opportunity to review those. While AT&T and U S WEST continue to disagree about the adequacy of those responses, they do not believe that it is necessary to submit

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additional evidence into the record in this case in order to discuss any supplemental findings. The parties believe that AT&T's analysis of the additional responses can appropriately be set forth in AT&T's Initial Brief, with additional discovery responses attached as exhibits to the brief if necessary. U S WEST will not be hampered by this procedure since it will have an opportunity to respond to AT&T's references to additional discovery responses and arguments in its Reply Brief. Furthermore, the dates previously set by the Arbitrators for Initial and Reply Briefs in this docket can proceed as scheduled.

AT&T has informed U S WEST of the above proposal and U S WEST has no objection to same. The parties agree that AT&T may refer to, and attach if necessary, additional discovery responses received from U S WEST since the hearing on this matter and may argue in its brief the relevance and impact of those responses. The parties agree that no objection will be made, nor should one be entertained by the Arbitrators, that such material is outside the record in this case.

Sincerely,

Mary B. TRibby of Mary B. Tribby

cc: Parties of Record

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the original and 10 copies of the letter from Mary Tribby of AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc., regarding Docket No. U-3021-96-448 et al, were hand delivered on this 19th day of December, 1997, to:

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